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Mr. Dennis Braddock, Secretary  
Department of Social and Health Services  
P.O. Box 45500  
Olympia, WA 98504-5080

Dear Mr. Braddock:

Thank you for your letter dated April 29 regarding the exemption of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children from the payment of premiums under the section 1115 Medicaid demonstration. We are currently reviewing your explanation of how the exemption is consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In the meantime, Washington may not implement the exemption of AI/AN children until we complete our review and formally respond. We expect to do so expeditiously.

The Department is committed to working with Washington in designing and implementing a Medicaid program that best addresses the health care needs of Washington's most vulnerable residents. Should you have any additional questions about the Washington demonstration proposal, to call Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, at (410) 786-5647.

Sincerely,

Dennis G. Smith  
Director